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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ANDREW R. PERRONG		
1657 The Fairway #131 Jenkintown, PA 19046 )		
) Plaintiff,	Civil Action	
vs.	No. 19	3224
OX CAR CARE, INC		
251 LITTLE FALLS DRIVE )		
WILMINGTON, DE 19808,		
MIKE MARDARESCO )		
a/k/a MIRCEA MARDARESCO )		
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Individually and as Principal of OCC,		
18012 COWAN, SUITE 100,		
IRVINE, CA 92614, )		
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GIAVONNA HUNT		
a/k/a/ GIA HUNT		
Individually and as Manager of OCC,		
18012 COWAN, SUITE 100,		
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Plaintiff ANDREW R. PERRONG brings this action for damages, restitution, reinstatement, statutory damages, punitive damages, sanctions, interest, court costs, and injunctive relief under rights pursuant to Federal Statute under 47 U.S.C. 227, and 47 C.F.R. 64 for the *ultra vires* illegal actions and deliberate and knowing tortious activity of OX CAR CARE, INC, ("OCC"), MIKE MARDARESCO (AKA MIRCEA/MIKE MARDARESCO/MARDARESCO), Individually and as Principal of OCC ("MARDARESCO"), GIAVONNA

HUNT AKA GIA HUNT, Individually and as Manager of OCC ("HUNT"), and Does 1 through 100, inclusive, in negligently and/or willfully contacting Plaintiff via Plaintiff's telephone to solicit sales ("Sales Calls"), by utilization of an automatic telephone dialing system, in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq. and related claims that form part of the same claim or controversy. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury, and complains and alleges as follows:

#### I. Introduction

- 1. Defendant OX CAR CARE, INC ("OCC") is a company located in California and domestically incorporated in the State of Delaware. OCC markets, and sells, *inter alia*, vehicle extended "warranty" services to individuals throughout Pennsylvania and other states in the US. Its registered agent address for service of process is located at 251 LITTLE FALLS DRIVE WILMINGTON, DE 19808.
- 2. Plaintiff brings this action to challenge Company's practices in the telephone solicitation of their products and services. Specifically, Plaintiff challenges Company's and Company's agents' illegal telephone solicitations by which they market their products and services, illegal Calls made using an automatic telephone dialing system and robocalls, and failure to maintain a Do-Not-Call policy or list in connection therewith.
- 3. All of the claims asserted herein arise out of Company's illegal telephone solicitation campaign and are a common fact pattern.

#### Jurisdiction and Venue

- 4. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 5. Venue is proper in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2), in that

Defendants conduct business in, and a substantial part of the events giving rise to plaintiff's claims occurred in, Pennsylvania's Montgomery County, which lies within this judicial district, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §118. Plaintiff received the phone calls to a 215-area code number, registered in this judicial district. Each of the Defendants has sufficient minimum contacts with this District, and otherwise purposely avail themselves of the markets in this District. Also, see *Lary V. The Doctors Answer, LLC* CV-12-S-3510-NE (N.D. Ala. March 8, 2013.), a Federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act case, which held that "venue is proper in the district where [plaintiff] resides because the injury did not occur when the facsimile was sent...; it occurred when the [facsimile] was received."

#### II. Parties

- 6. Plaintiff ANDREW PERRONG ("Plaintiff") is an individual who received the alleged phone calls on his private cellular telephone line mentioned herein. Plaintiff is an adult individual and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who may be mailed at 1657 The Fairway #131 Jenkintown, PA 19046.
- 7. Defendant OX CAR CARE, INC ("OCC") is a company located in California and domestically incorporated in the State of Delaware. OCC markets, and sells, *inter alia*, vehicle extended "warranty" services to individuals throughout Pennsylvania and other states in the US. Its registered agent address for service of process is located at 251 LITTLE FALLS DRIVE WILMINGTON, DE 19808.
- 8. Defendant MIKE MARDARESCO (AKA MIRCEA/MIKE MARDARESCO/MARDARESCU) is an adult individual who is the Primary Owner of OCC. Due to the ambiguity of naming, this individual will be referenced to as "MARDARESCO" throughout the complaint. Upon information and belief, his birth year is 1985. As Principal of OCC,

MARDARESCO is the primary individual who reaps the benefit of the tortious and illegal conduct described herein that is technically carried out only in Company's name. Such tortious, or *ultra vires*, conduct exceeds the permissible actions of corporations both in California, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and nationwide.

- 9. Defendant GIAVONNA HUNT AKA GIA HUNT is an adult individual who is the Primary Manager of OCC. Upon information and belief, her birth year is 1985 or 1988. As Primary Manager of OCC, HUNT is an individual who reaps the benefit of the tortious and illegal conduct described herein that is technically carried out only in Company's name. Such tortious, or *ultra vires*, conduct exceeds the permissible actions of corporations both in California, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and nationwide.
- 10. Except as described herein, Plaintiff is ignorant of the true names of Defendants sued as Does 1 through 100, inclusive, and the nature of their wrongful conduct, and therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave of the Court to amend this complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained.
- 11. At all times herein mentioned, OCC, MARDARESCO, HUNT, and the Doe Defendants, (collectively, "Defendants"), and each of them, were an agent or joint venture of each of the other, and in doing the acts alleged herein, were acting within the scope of such agency. Each Defendant had actual and/or constructive knowledge of the acts of each of the other Defendants, and ratified, approved, joined in, acquiesced and/or authorized the wrongful acts of each co-Defendant, and/or retained the benefits of said wrongful acts.
- 12. Defendants, and each of them, aided and abetted, encouraged and rendered substantial assistance to the other Defendants in committing the wrongful acts alleged herein. In taking action, as particularized herein, to aid and abet and substantially assist the commission of these

wrongful acts and other wrongdoing complained of, each of the Defendants acted with an awareness of its primary wrongdoing and realized that its conduct would substantially assist the accomplishment of the wrongful conduct, wrongful goals, and wrongdoing.

- 13. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants conspired by means of mutual understanding, either expressly or impliedly, among themselves and others in engaging and/or planning to engage in the activities detailed herein to accomplish the wrongful conduct, wrongful goals, and wrongdoing.
- 14. The TCPA imposes personal liability on individuals who participate in or commission telemarketing calls.
- 15. Under the TCPA, an individual such as MARDARESCO or HUNT may be personally liable for the acts alleged in this Complaint pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 217, the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, of which the TCPA is a part, which reads, *inter alia*: "[T]he act, omission, or failure of any agent, or other person acting for or employed by any common carrier or user, acting within the scope of his employment, shall in every case be deemed to be the act, omission, or failure of such carrier or user *as well as of that person*." 47 U.S.C. § 217 (emphasis added).
- 16. When considering individual officer liability, other Courts have agreed that a Corporate officer involved in the telemarketing at issue may be personally liable under the TCPA. See, e.g., Jackson v. Five Star Catering, Inc., v. Beason, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 159985, \*10 (E.D. Mich. Nov. 8, 2013), which stated that "[M]any courts have held that corporate actors can be individually liable for violating the TCPA where they 'had direct, personal participation in or personally authorized the conduct found to have violated the statute." See also Maryland v.

*Universal Elections*, 787 F. Supp. 2d 408, 415-16 (D. Md. 2011), stating that "If an individual acting on behalf of a corporation could avoid individual liability, the TCPA would lose much of its force."

17. MARDARESCO and HUNT are personally liable under the "participation theory" of liability because they are the Principal owner and controlling manager of OCC, knew of Company's violations, and directed employees and/or agents of Company to continue making those violations, as well as made the violations themselves. Furthermore, MARDARESCO is personally liable because he is personally responsible for ensuring Company's employees' TCPA compliance. Furthermore, Mr. MARDARESCO is no stranger to the TCPA, having had a number of cases filed against him in his position as business owner of various other entities alleged to have violated the TCPA and has had adverse judgements rendered against him for these violations.

#### III. Factual Allegations

- 18. In or about June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Plaintiff received the first of multiple calls made using an automatic telephone dialing system ("ATDS"), or robocall, by Defendants and/or their agents at Plaintiff's personal cellular telephone number, 215-208-9484, for which he is charged for the call per minute. Plaintiff had not consented to this solicitation, and Plaintiff's telephone number was on the Federal Do-Not-Call Registry.
- 19. All the calls bore the same caller ID, 844-299-0885, the main telephone number for Ox Car Care as listed on OCC's website, <a href="https://oxcarcare.com">https://oxcarcare.com</a>.
  - 20. Plaintiff answered the call in an effort to identify the caller. When Plaintiff answered

the call, he heard much background noise, machine noise, and an audible pause and click before saying "Hello" and then a few seconds later, an agent came on the line and sounded confused about whether or not someone was on the line.

- 21. During this call, Plaintiff spoke with Defendant HUNT from "Ox Car Care." HUNT indicated she was calling because Plaintiff had a "payment" that was due on a policy he allegedly had with "Ox Car Care."
- 22. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, information, and belief, Plaintiff has never had any business relationship with Defendants, despite their claims during the call to the contrary.
- 23. Plaintiff told the caller that he had no idea what they were talking about, told the caller not to call him back, and hung up after receiving confirmation that he would be removed from Defendants' "calling system."
- 24. Defendants' admission that they use a "calling system" is an admission that they use a system that meets the statutory definition of an ATDS. This call was placed using an ATDS because of the delay to be connected to a representative, as well as the noise made when the call was connected to a representative.
- 25. In addition, Plaintiff had affirmatively revoked any purported consent in one in-court and one out-of-court action with Defendants. See *Perrong v. Ox Car Care, Inc.*, Civ. No. 2:18-cv-5027 (E.D. Pa. Nov. 20, 2018). Defendants had no reason to continually call Plaintiff, save for Plaintiff remaining on some automated calling list of Defendants'.
- 26. Defendants are apparently recidivist TCPA offenders, since, after contacting counsel for Defendants regarding this latest call and despite threatening suit *the very day* that Plaintiff received the following two calls, Plaintiff received two more calls from Defendants and the same caller ID.

- 27. The first of these two calls occurred July 23, at 5:50 PM. Plaintiff said "Hello" multiple times and heard silence, and then a confused male voice with "Hello?," at which point the call disconnected.
- 28. This call was placed using an ATDS, since there was again a long delay before Plaintiff was connected to a representative, and the representative expressed confusion as to whether or not the call was connected.
- 29. The second of these calls occurred July 23 at 6:12 PM. During this call, Plaintiff spoke with "Gia" who realized her mistake only upon hearing Plaintiff's voice, denied her name was "Gia" or that she was calling from Ox Car Care, and then hung up. The voice on this call was identical to that on the call on June 25. This was, in fact, Defendant HUNT.
- 30. Based on the inaccurate information given during the call and its scripted nature, it is clear that this message was sent *en masse* to thousands of "former customers" and "subscribers" on or about the same date and time that the plaintiff received his. Moreover, the inability to process do-not-call requests, despite being sued over the same issue once, indicates that no human being was on the line until plaintiff answered the telephone, upon which time the autodialer connected Plaintiff to the caller, which would then realize its mistake. Most ATDS autodialers simply do not have the capacity to process Do-Not-Call requests, and, if they do, this functionality is often not utilized. In addition, no normal caller expresses confusion as to whether or not a call is connected unless they are using an ATDS. The calls were there clearly sent using a scripted "automatic telephone dialing system."
- 31. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, none of the Defendants are licensed under any authority or capacity to sell insurance or vehicle service plans. Upon information and belief, Defendants sell a third-party warranty serviced by Palmer Administration.

- 32. Plaintiff had contacted Defendants and requested to be placed on Defendants' Do-Not-Call List and receive a copy of Defendants' Do-Not-Call policy, but never received anything, up to and including the date of this filing. This is also the case as to the previous lawsuit filed by Plaintiff in December.
- 33. Defendants are recidivist TCPA offenders. This is not Plaintiff's first or even second run-in with Defendants, and it is not Defendants' first time being sued for violating the TCPA. The Plaintiff has previously received automated telemarketing calls from Defendants and altered them that those calls violated the TCPA. Plaintiff had previously spoken to counsel for Defendants regarding TCPA compliance, alleged prior violations of the TCPA, and had requested Defendants' Do-Not-Call policy and requested to be placed on Defendants' Do-Not-Call list.
- 34. Because Plaintiff asked to receive Defendants' Do-Not-Call policy and did not, it is evident that Defendants do not maintain such a policy. Likewise, based on this fact, and the fact that Defendants have no clue who they are calling and use trickery and confusion to make a sales pitch, it is clear that Defendants do not have any Do-Not-Call lists or procedures in place. Based on the nature of their illegal activities, Defendants' noncompliance with the law in this regard is unsurprising.
- 35. Plaintiff received the calls on his private cellular telephone, which is, in addition to being a cellular telephone, is a telephone for which he is charged for the calls, as defined and set forth in 47 CFR § 64.1200(a)(1)(iii).
- 36. The TCPA makes it unlawful "to make any call (other than a call made for emergency purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice... to any telephone

number assigned to a... cellular telephone service... or any service for which the called party is charged for the call." *See* 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii). As stated immediately above, the calls were placed using an automatic telephone dialing system to Plaintiff's private cellular telephone line, on which he is charged for the call.

- 37. The TCPA provides a private cause of action to persons who receive calls in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A). See 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).
- 38. The TCPA provides a private cause of action to persons who receive calls in violation of any of the implementing regulations codified in 47 CFR 64.1200. See 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).
- 39. Plaintiff was harmed by the calls. He was temporarily deprived of legitimate use of his phone because his phone line was tied up, it used up his minutes, he wasted energy and stress in answering a call, his telephone batteries and electricity were depleted, he was charged for the calls, and his privacy was improperly invaded. Moreover, the calls injured Plaintiff because they were frustrating, obnoxious, annoying, were a nuisance and disturbed the solitude of Plaintiff.
- 40. Plaintiff adequately confirmed corporate identity for each and every call so as to establish liability of Defendants, as more fully outlined above.
- 41. These telephone solicitations constituted "calls" under the TCPA that were not for emergency purposes.
- 42. Plaintiff did not provide any one, more, or all Defendants, nor any agent of Defendants, prior express written consent, or any other form of consent, express or implied, to cause Plaintiff to receive telephone calls on his personal telephone that utilized an "automatic telephone dialing system" or otherwise to transmit a message or make calls.
  - 43. As a point of fact, to the extent that "consent" was supplied during the calls, that was

done in order to discover the identity of the caller and for no other reason. Courts have held this to be legitimate and have not held such "consent" to be detrimental to a plaintiff bringing a TCPA action. *See* for instance, Bank v. Caribbean Cruise Line, which held that "Purporting to obtain consent during the call, such as requesting that a consumer "press 1" to receive further information, does not constitute the prior consent necessary to deliver the message in the first place, as the request to "press 1" is part of the telemarketing call.... As the FCC has stated, the consent must be made before the call."

- 44. Plaintiff had no prior business relationship with any one, more, or all of Defendants.
- 45. The telephone Sales Calls therefore violated 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A), 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(3)(F), 47 CFR 64.1200(d)(1), 47 CFR 64.1200(d)(3), 47 CFR § 64.1200(a)(1)(iii), 47 CFR § 64.1200(a)(1), and 47 C.F.R. 64.1200(c)(2).

#### IV. Causes Of Action

#### First Cause of Action

(Negligent Violation of the TCPA "ATDS" Prohibition, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.)

- 46. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each of the paragraphs above.
- 47. As a result of Defendants' and Defendants' agents negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A), Plaintiff seeks for himself \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- 48. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(A), Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

#### Second Cause of Action

# (Knowing and/or Willful Violation of the TCPA "ATDS" Prohibition, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.)

- 49. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each of the paragraphs above.
- 50. As a result of Defendants' and Defendants' agents knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A), Plaintiff seeks for himself treble damages, as provided by statute, up to \$1,500.00 for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).
- 51. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(A), Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

#### **Third Cause of Action**

(Negligent Violation of the TCPA "Sales Call/DNC" Prohibition, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.)

- 52. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each of the paragraphs above.
- 53. As a result of Defendants' and Defendants' agents negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(3)(F), and 47 C.F.R. 64.1200(c)(2), Plaintiff seeks for himself \$500 in statutory damages for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(3)(F).
- 54. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5)(A), Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

#### Fourth Cause of Action

(Knowing and/or Willful Violation of the TCPA "Sales Call/DNC" Prohibition, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.)

55. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each of the paragraphs above.

- 56. As a result of Defendants' and Defendants' agents knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(3)(F), and 47 C.F.R. 64.1200(c)(2), Plaintiff seeks for himself treble damages, as provided by statute, up to \$1,500.00 for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).
- 57. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5)(A), Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

#### Fifth Cause of Action

(Negligent Violation of the TCPA "Do-Not-Call Policy" Requirement, 47 CFR 64.1200 et seq.)

- 58. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each of the paragraphs above.
- 59. As a result of Defendants' and Defendants' agents negligent violations of 47 CFR 64.1200(d)(1), Plaintiff seeks for himself \$500 in statutory damages for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

### Sixth Cause of Action

(Knowing and/or Willful Violation of the TCPA "Do-Not-Call Policy" Requirement, 47 CFR 64.1200 et seq.)

- 60. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each of the paragraphs above.
- 61. As a result of Defendants' and Defendants' agents knowing and/or willful violations of 47 CFR 64.1200(d)(1) Plaintiff seeks for himself treble damages, as implied, up to \$1,500.00 for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

### **Seventh Cause of Action**

(Negligent Violation of the TCPA "Do-Not-Call List" Requirement, 47 CFR 64.1200 et seq.)

- 62. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each of the paragraphs above.
- 63. As a result of Defendants' and Defendants' agents negligent violations of 47 CFR 64.1200(d)(3), Plaintiff seeks for himself \$500 in statutory damages for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

#### **Eighth Cause of Action**

(Knowing and/or Willful Violation of the TCPA "Do-Not-Call List" Requirement, 47 CFR 64.1200 et seq.)

- 64. Plaintiff incorporates and realleges, as though fully set forth herein, each of the paragraphs above.
- 65. As a result of Defendants' and Defendants' agents knowing and/or willful violations of 47 CFR 64.1200(d)(3) Plaintiff seeks for himself treble damages, as implied, up to \$1,500.00 for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(c)(5).

## WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief against defendants, and each of them, as follows:

#### V. Prayer for Relief

On Causes of Action 1-8:

- 1. For awards of \$500 for each negligent violation as set forth in actions 1-8;
- 2. For awards of \$1,500 for each knowing/willful violation as set forth in actions 1-8.
- 3. Injunctive relief against Defendants, and each of them, to prevent future wrongdoing;

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Total statutory damages: : \$18,000 (Three counts each of: sales call, ATDS call, failure to put

Plaintiff's number on Defendants' Do-Not-Call list, and failure to provide Plaintiff a copy of

Defendants' Do-Not-Call policy, at \$500 per count of each, with treble damages for each.)

4. Punitive damages to punish Defendants for their willful, illegal, and deliberate

tortious conduct and to deter others who may otherwise engage in similar willful illegal and

deliberate tortious conduct;

5. Prejudgment interest at the maximum legal rate;

6. Costs of suit herein incurred; and

7. All such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.

VI. Demand for Jury Trial

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable.

Dated: July 24, 2019

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